

**UNIVERSITY OF UTAH HOSPITAL**  
**Certified Register Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)**  
**Privilege Delineation**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I request clinical privileges at the University of Utah Hospital, as indicated below, for practice as a CRNA within the Anesthesia Care team within the Department of Anesthesiology.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Privileges – Inpatient**

- I. Physical assessment of adult and pediatric surgical patients:
  - a. Performs preoperative evaluation by conducting an appropriate patient assessment, including a history, problem-oriented physical examination, medical record review, and review of available laboratory data.
  - b. Document findings of evaluation in appropriate anesthetic preoperative assessment form, as well in other locations of the medical record as indicated.
  
- II. Establish and initiate the anesthetic plan, in consultation with the anesthesiologist responsible for medical supervision of the individual patient.
  - a. In consultation with the anesthesiologist, order additional analyses, consultations, and laboratory studies to complete the pre-operative anesthetic evaluation.
  - b. In consultation with the anesthesiologist, order all necessary peri-anesthetic medications as warranted and allowable under the individual's practice privileges and State law.
  - c. Participates as a member of the anesthesia care team, including the direct provision of general and/or regional anesthesia services as allowable by State law.
  - d. Manages the anesthetic procedure by monitoring appropriate physical, physiochemical, and biochemical indicators such as blood pressure, heart rate, EKG, blood loss, patient position, pulmonary compliance, and arterial blood gases.
  - e. Adjusts anesthesia procedures as required. Informs other members of the anesthesia care team and other medical personnel of all necessary developments in the conduct of the anesthetic.
  - f. Participates in the completion of the anesthetic, the transfer of the patient to an appropriate recovery area, and the participation of appropriate post-anesthetic duties.
  - g. Complete all necessary documentation related to the care provided as a member of the anesthesia care team.
  
- III. Order tests appropriate to diagnosis and care and in accordance with approved protocols, including, but not limited to:
  - a. lab test: blood, body fluids
  - b. radiographic examinations
  - c. echocardiography
  - d. electrocardiograph
  - e. arterial blood gas analysis

- IV. Perform therapeutic and diagnostic procedures, within approved guidelines and as indicated by demonstration of training verifying competency. (Completion of CRNA training is considered by the Department of Anesthesiology as evidence of competency to perform general and regional anesthesia techniques under the direct supervision of an anesthesiologist.)

<u><b>Therapeutic/diagnostic procedure</b></u>	<u><b>MD Supervised</b></u>
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| a. | Provision of general Anesthetic    |  |
| b. | Provision of a Regional Anesthetic |  |
| c. | Placement of Central Venous Access |  |
| d. | Emergency Airway Management        |  |

Medication orders:

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| a. | In consultation with the anesthesiologist, order all necessary peri-anesthetic medications as warranted and allowable under the individual’s practice privileges and State law.   |                    |
| b. | In consultation with the anesthesiologist and in accordance with approved protocols & established standards of care, orders oral, parenteral and local medications appropriate to the care of the peri-operative patient. |                    |
| c. | Prescriptive license:   | YES _____ NO _____ |
|    | If no, orders are to be written and signed “CRNA/anesthesiologist” and will be co-signed by the anesthesiologist or resident within 24 hours.   |                    |
| d. | Controlled Substances:  | YES _____ NO _____ |

- VI. Emergency Care Certification: (Basic Life Support certification is required. Indicated ACLS if relevant to practice setting and patient population and any other emergency certification).

<u><b>Certification</b></u>	<u><b>Expiration Date</b></u>
BLS	_____
ACLS	_____
ATLS	_____

- VII. Referrals and consultation with other health care professionals as necessary for the development and implementation of the anesthetic care plan.

**RECOMMENDATION BY:**

_____	_____
Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology	Date
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Interdisciplinary Credentials Committee	Date
_____	_____
Medical Board	Date
_____	_____
Hospital Board	Date

University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics  
Position Description

**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)**

JOB CODE 5132  
GRADE/FSLA MSE  
DATE JULY 1997

**Summary**

Under the direct supervision of a faculty anesthesiologist, this position provides professional anesthesia services in all areas as a member of the anesthesia care team. Assists with anesthesia related medical care, such as pre-operative patient assessment, airway maintenance, pulmonary ventilation, post-operative anesthesia care and pain management.

This position meets the criteria for exemption from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act under the Professional test. This position is under the administrative control of the Clinical Director of Anesthesia services.

**Responsibilities and Duties**

- 1.0 Performs preoperative evaluation by conducting an appropriate patient assessment including a history problem-oriented physical medical record review, and review of necessary laboratory data. The CRNA may order additional analyses, consultations, lab work and peri-anesthetic medications as warranted and allowable under the individual's practice privileges and State law.
- 2.0 Monitors the function of all equipment used in the conduct of anesthesia as appropriate.
- 3.0 Participates as a member of the anesthesia care team, including the direct provision of general and/or regional anesthesia services as allowable under the individual's practice privileges and State law.
  - 3.1 manages the anesthetic procedure by monitoring appropriate physical, physiochemical, and biochemical indicators such as blood pressure, heart rate, EKG, blood loss, patient position, pulmonary compliance, and arterial blood gases.
  - 3.2 Adjusts anesthesia procedures as required. Informs other members of the anesthesia care team and other medical personnel of all necessary developments in the conduct of the patient care team.
  - 3.3 Participates in the completion of the anesthetic, the transfer of the patient to an appropriate recovery area, and the participation of appropriate post-anesthetic duties.
- 4.0 Completes all necessary documentation related to the care provided as a member of the anesthesia Care team.

**Qualifications and Specifications**

- 1.0 Meets all the requirements to for licensure as a CRNA within the State of Utah, including maintaining a current Utah CRNA License.
- 2.0 Successfully completes the credentialing process within the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, and promptly provides required credentialing documents for periodic updating.
- 3.0 Possesses a current AANA certificate as a CRNA

**Policy and Procedures  
Related to CRNA's**

- 5.0 The Anesthesia Care Team
- 5.1 The philosophy and practice principles of the Department of Anesthesiology are consistent with those defined by the American Society of Anesthesiologists, as published in the document *The Anesthesia Care Team*, (Statement, Positions, and Protocols, The ASA Standards, pp. 28-29, 1993) The practice of anesthesiology is a medical specialty, and physicians trained in this specialty are uniquely qualified to direct anesthesia care and anesthesia care teams.
- 5.2 The Department of Anesthesiology recognizes that anesthesia can be delivered by the use of an anesthesia care team, which may include a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA).
  - 5.2.1 The conduct of anesthesia and the anesthesia care team should always be under the direct supervision of a faculty anesthesiologist.
  - 5.2.2 The faculty anesthesiologist assumes the ultimate responsibility for the safety of patients, and should directly determine their anesthesia care.
- 5.3 Delegation of functions to other members of the anesthesia care team by the faculty anesthesiologist should be based on an individual determination by the faculty anesthesiologist that the member has the training and experience to complete the task assigned.
- 6.2 Certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). Any CRNA that provides anesthesia care as a member of the anesthesia care team must meet the qualifications as outlined in the position description for a CRNA, and have active privileges to provide this service through the University Hospital.
  - 6.2.1 A CRNA may only provide anesthesia services as a member of the anesthesia care team under the direct supervision of a faculty anesthesiologist.
  - 12.1.1 A Certified registered nurse anesthetists must complete the continuing education required to maintain State licensure as a CRNA, and as required to maintain certification as a CRNA through the American Association of Nurse Anesthetist (AANA).

I currently covered under the University of Utah's malpractice policy, and have no other malpractice policies at this time.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_